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"AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE LAWS."

1 After line 3737, insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 sections accordingly:

3 "Sec. 112. Subsection (a) of section 14-164a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) No person shall operate a motor vehicle in any race, contest or
6 demonstration of speed or skill with a motor vehicle as a public
7 exhibition until a permit for such race or exhibition has been obtained
8 from the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. Any person desiring to
9 manage, operate or conduct such a motor vehicle race or exhibition
10 shall make application in writing to said commissioner at least ten
11 days prior to the race or exhibition and such application shall set forth
12 in detail the time of such proposed race or exhibition, together with a
13 description of the kind and number of motor vehicles to be used and
14 such further information as said commissioner may require. Such

15 application shall be accompanied by a fee of [one hundred seventy-
16 seven] seventy-five dollars. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
17 upon receipt of such application and fee, shall cause an inquiry to be
18 made concerning the condition of the race track or place of exhibition
19 and all of the appurtenances thereto and, if [he] the commissioner
20 finds no unusual hazard to participants in such race or exhibition or to
21 persons attending such race or exhibition, [he] the commissioner may
22 issue a permit naming a definite date for such race or exhibition, which
23 may be conducted at any reasonable hour of any week day or after
24 twelve o'clock noon on any Sunday. The commissioner, with the
25 approval of the legislative body of the city, borough or town in which
26 the race or exhibition will be held, may issue a permit allowing a start
27 time prior to twelve o'clock noon on any Sunday, provided no such
28 race or exhibition shall take place contrary to the provisions of any
29 city, borough or town ordinances. The commissioner may make
30 regulations as to the conditions under which each such race or
31 exhibition may be conducted, including requirements as to types of
32 tires suitable for safe use, the age and physical condition of the
33 participating operators, the number and qualifications of attending
34 personnel, the provision of first-aid and medical supplies and
35 equipment, including ambulances, and the attendance of doctors or
36 other persons qualified to give emergency medical aid, police and fire
37 protection, and such other requirements as will eliminate any unusual
38 hazard to participants in such race or exhibition or to the spectators.
39 No minor under the age of sixteen years may participate in motor cross
40 racing, except that a minor thirteen years of age or older may
41 participate in such racing with the written permission of [his] the
42 minor's parents or legal guardian. If weather or track conditions are
43 such as to make such race or exhibition unusually hazardous, the
44 commissioner or other person designated by [him] the commissioner
45 may cancel or postpone the same or may require the use of tires of a
46 type approved by [him] the commissioner. No person shall conduct or
47 participate in any motor vehicle race or contest or demonstration of
48 speed or skill in any motor vehicle on the ice of any body of water. The
49 provisions of this section shall not apply to a motor vehicle with a

50 motor of no more than three horsepower or a go-cart type vehicle with
51 a motor of no more than twelve horsepower, when operated on a track
52 of one-eighth of a mile or less in length. Preliminary preparations and
53 practice runs, performed after eleven o'clock in the forenoon, on the
54 date designated in the permit and prior to cancellation or
55 postponement, shall not be construed to constitute a race or exhibition
56 within the meaning of this section. No preliminary preparations or
57 practice runs shall be performed before twelve o'clock noon on
58 Sunday. For the purposes of this subsection, "motor cross racing"
59 means motorcycle racing on a dirt track by participants operating
60 motorcycles designed and manufactured exclusively for off-road use
61 and powered by an engine having a capacity of not more than five
62 hundred cubic centimeters piston displacement."